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LUSAKA - JANUARY 21, 1 BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OWNED ZAMBIAN
DAILY MAIL AND PARTY-CONTROLLED TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIED
SHORT FRONT PAGE WIRE-SERVICE STORIES ANNOUNCING
PRESIDENT CATER S INAUGURATION AND MENTIONING HIS
PLEDGE TO MAKE NEW EFFORTS TO CURB THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

IN ADDITION, THE DAILY MAIL CARRIES SHORT INSIDE PAGE
STORY EXPANDING ABOVE THEME. THE TIMES FRONT PAGE
EDITORIAL CALLED ON CARTER TO ACT DECISEVELY ON
SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL

QTE A PEANUT FARMER FRON THE VERY SMALL TOWN OF
PLAINS IN GEORGIA WAS YESTERDAY INAUGURATED AS THE
39TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR THE NEXT FOUR
YEARS, EVERYTHING THAT JIMMY CARTER SAYS AND DOES WILL
BE EXAMINED ANXIOUSLY BY A WORLD STILL UNCETAIN
THAT HE HAS THE CREDENTIALS TO HOLD ONE OF THE MOST
POWERFUL OFFICES IN THE WORLD.

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UNFORTUNNATELY FOR THE WORLD, THE UNITED STATES
POLITICAL SYSTEM DEMANDS THAT THE PRESIDENT START HIS
RE-ELECTION CAMPAGN AS SOON AS HE ENTERS THE WHITE
HOUSE. MR. CARTER HAS SHOWN A REFRESHING DISDAIN FOR
THE CONVENTIONAL TRAPPINGS OF POWER IN WASHINGTON.

IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT HTIS UNORTHODOX APPROACH WILL
EXTEND TO A SERIOUS EFFORT TO RIGHT THE WRONGS OF THE
PAST, WITHOUT HAVING TO GLANCE OVER HIS SHOULDER AT
THE PEOLPE WAITING TO UNSEAT HISM IN 1980.

IN ZAMBIA CARTER HAD A CLEAR EDGE OVER THE DOUR GERALD
FORD DURING THE RUN-UP TO THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.
SOMEHOW, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, ZAMBIANS ARE ABLE TO
ESTABLISH A REPPORT WITH THE PEANUT FARMER.

IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HIS FAMOUS TOOTHY SMILE.
IT WAS HIS FRESHNESS OF APPROACH, HIS APPARENT LACK OF
THE CUSTOMARY "DIRTY TRICKS" MIEN OF RICHARD NIXON
OR THE WOODEN SOLIDITY OF GERALD FORD.

ABOVE ALL, HOWEVER, IT WAS HIS FEELING FOR THE
BLACKS IN THE UNITED STATES AND HIS STATEMENTS ON THE
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN THE END, THE
BLACKS HELPED HIS TO BEAT FORD.

CARTER WILL NO DOUBT REGARD THE BLACKS IN MORE WAYS
THAN JUST GIVING THEM TOP JOBS IN HIS ADMINISTRATION.
AS DECIDEDLY THE POOREST PEOPLE IN THE RICHEST COUNTRY
IN THE WORLD, THEY PLACED THEIR FAITH IN HIS BECAUSE
HE SPOKE THEIR LANGUAGE, BEING HIMSELF A CHILD OF THE
DEEP SOUTH.

SUCCESSIVIE ADMINISTRATION - DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN -
HAVE PROMISED THE BLACKS PARADISE, BUT HAVE CONTINUED
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TO RENEGE ON THOSE PROMISES, LEAVING THE BIGGEST
MINORITY IN THE UNITED STATES AS DISILLUSIONED WITH THE
"AMERICAN DREAM" AS THEIR FOREFATHERS.

THE NEW PRESIDENT HAS A GRAND OPPORTUNITY TO
ENHANCE THE RESPECT HE ENJOYS IN AFRICA BU GIVING
BLACK AMERICAN A BETTER DEAL THAN THEY HAVE HAD
SO FAR.

IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CARTER HAS PROMISED DECISIVE ACTION
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA - ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA.
THE KISSINGER STRATEGY IS WELL AND TRULY
IN A SHAMBLES: WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A BOLD
APPROACH WHICH WILL ACCELERATE THE DAWN OF TRUE FREEDOM
IN THOSE THREE COUNTRIES.

THE REST OF THE WORLD IS EXPECTING MR. CARTER TO ACT
IMMEDIATELY TO REVITALISE THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

FOR HUMANIST ZAMBIA HOWEVER, MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO
SEE THE US ECONOMY BACK ON ITS FEET AGAIN THE MOST
PRESSING PROBLEMS IS STILL SOUTHERN AFRICA.

IF AMERICA UNDER CARTER ACTS WITH THE SAME DUPLICITY AS
AMERICA UNDER THE FORD-KISSINGER ADMINISTRATION,
AFRICA WILL KNOW ON WHOSE SIDE CARTER REALLY IS.
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